

# The Old Paths

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## "The Power In A Seed"

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**W**hen God created this world, He created *"plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which there is seed, each according to its kind"* on the third day (Gen. 1:11). Even in observation, it is apparent that when a seed is planted, it germinates and grows a specific plant, which produces fruit and seeds which can then be planted to produce more of the same kind of plant. For example, an oak tree produces acorns which when planted, produce oak trees. These oak trees mature, and produce acorns which can then be planted to produce even more oak trees, and so forth. This fact of life is also seen when planting apple trees, pine trees, tomato plants, corn, beans, okra, etc. The seed, when planted, has power to produce fruit, and then this fruit produces seed which is planted to produce more fruit, etc. God has made seeds with such power that some folks have been documented to have taken seeds which were thousands of years old, preserved in pyramids and different places, planted them in the soil, and produced fruit from them! From observing these natural facts has come the old saying, "You can count the number of seeds in an apple, but can you count the number of apples in a seed?" Yes, there is certainly power in a seed!

In studying the Bible, we see that various New Testament

preachers compared God's word to seed (ex: Lk. 8:11; I Cor. 3:6; I Pet. 1:23). Evidently, there are some similarities between an earthly seed, and God's word, which is called *"the seed."* Therefore, let us consider some of the similarities between God's spiritual seed and physical seed:

1. Both require a sower (Lk. 8:5, 11; I Cor. 3:6).
2. Both require watering (I Cor. 3:6).
3. Both require patience in waiting for the harvest (I Cor. 3:6b; II Tim. 4:2b).
4. Both can be "choked out" by "weeds" if we are not diligent in our work (Lk. 8:7, 14).
5. At the end of the "season," there is a "harvest" for both (Lk. 8:8; Matt. 13:39-43).
6. The power in a physical seed is evident when we see its power to feed hungry people. God's word, the spiritual seed, also feeds those who are hungry and thirsting for righteousness (Matt. 5:6).

These are just a few comparisons that show us the power in a seed. Let us also remember that there is power in a seed when we consider some of the harsh environments (deserts, mountains, swamps, jungles, etc.) where seeds have germinated and plants have survived.

Plants have even sprouted through rocks, blacktop pavement, and other places! Similarly, when we consider the fact that God's word is the seed, we can also know that it is this seed which has the "power" (dunamis, Rom. 1:16) to break through hardened hearts, as well as to germinate in the lives of folks who have been treated cruelly by man. It is the word of God which has the power to change someone from an atheist to a Christian! It can change a person from a scoundrel and ungodly person to a godly, upright, and holy person (See: I Cor. 6:9-11)! Yes, friends, there is true power in this spiritual seed, and this seed never loses power!

Knowing what God's word (The seed, Lk. 8:11) can do, the question becomes, "Where are the sowers?" Jesus said it this way, *"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest"* (Jn. 4:35). The irony is that for all the power the seed has, it cannot plant itself!! Someone must sow the seed! The sower Jesus spoke about in His parable was sowing seed, and it produced fruit when it was planted in the receptive soil (Matt. 13:8, 23). Today, where are the sowers who will help scatter the seed of God's word? Where are those people who are ready to find the good and honest hearts? Bear in mind that in order to find the receptive soil, we have to wade through and sow among the thorns, rocks, and other places. Are you ready for the challenge, friend? I am! Who will help sow this seed so that others can be saved from sin and have a new life with God (II Tim. 2:2)? The gospel is God's power to save (Rom. 1:16). Therefore, let us be active in getting it "out of the barn" and scattering it far and wide!!

# NEW TOOLS TO WIN SOULS FROM SATAN'S KINGDOM

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**O**ne of the things the elders and I discussed when I was first asked to come and preach here was how we could get "The Ancient Landmark" television program in this area, and also how to get a radio program dedicated to preaching the gospel started in the community. It has truly been a "group" effort, as we have prayed to God for open doors (II Thess. 3:1), and the good brethren here have been helpful in providing "leads" for who to contact, etc., in relation to both the television program and the radio program in this and the surrounding counties.

Based upon our joint efforts, I am so thankful to announce that beginning **April 23, 2012**, Lord willing, the television and radio programs, "*The Ancient Landmark*" will debut in our community! Let us thank God for these opportunities we have to spread His word by radio, television, and even by the internet.

The radio and TV programs are dedicated to putting God back in His place as Supreme, and bringing lost souls to Him. Lord willing, tomorrow, we will begin our radio program on **WXMZ, 106.3 FM** at 1:00 pm. It will air Monday-Friday at this time. Our newest television program will air on Insight Cable in Bowling Green, **channel 6** on Monday and Thursday at 9:00 pm. An added benefit to these works is the fact that both programs are being broadcast **WORLDWIDE** for **FREE** via the internet!! Therefore,

the gospel preaching the Caneyville church of Christ is able to do includes, but is not limited to, the immediate area! It is being broadcast worldwide! This is because the radio program we are on is also broadcast on the internet at: ([www.thez.voyagetech.com](http://www.thez.voyagetech.com)), and the television program is broadcast at: ([www.youtube.com/theoldpaths1994](http://www.youtube.com/theoldpaths1994))!! Therefore, for people who cannot get the radio and TV programs via "conventional" means, they can still tune in via the internet and hear the truth. It is mind-boggling to consider the billions who will have access to the gospel now because of forward-thinking and evangelistic-minded elders as well as our evangelistic-minded and working members in Caneyville, KY!!

I am so thankful to God that we live in a country and in a time in which we can take advantage of such opportunities. This is but a few of the ways possible to spread the gospel! The New Testament continually stresses the fact that the gospel is to be taught to others (II Tim. 2:2; Mk.16:15; Acts 8:4; etc.). When folks learn the truth, they can be saved, and transplanted from Satan's kingdom to God's (Rom. 1:16; Col. 1:13). We then need to be active in telling this message to others, as it was taught

to us. The television and radio work are now added to our efforts in public teaching, personal Bible studies, our other television program in Owensboro, our bulletins, our newspaper article, and our website. These are but a few of the ways to spread the gospel in Caneyville, and abroad. (Just like I Thessalonians 1:8!) Yet, God has given us these opportunities. May we use them to the best of our ability!

To those who have already expressed encouraging words in this work, thank you! To everyone, please watch/listen to our programs, pray for this added work, and tell your friends to tune in and/or visit our website. Thanks be to God!!

## Thoughts From The Past

"Error never dies a natural death, it has to be killed with the sword of the Spirit .... I do know this, nothing, but nothing, beats old time gospel preaching and hard-nosed Bible study. This is what it will take to keep the church on the straight and narrow path. When we depart from the fundamentals, we take our first step toward apostasy. Could it be that we are more concerned about being politically correct than with being Scripturally correct?"

(James P. Needham, *Guardian of Truth*, November 16, 1995, p. 11).

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**Location: 101 N. Main Street Caneyville, KY**

### Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study	_____	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	_____	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship	_____	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	_____	7:00 p.m.

**"The Ancient Landmark" Television Show airs on You Tube**  
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